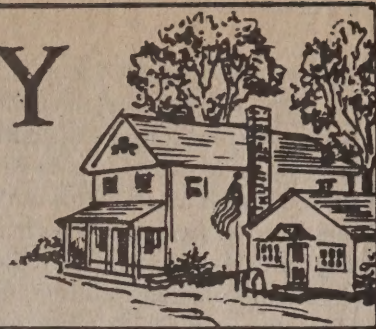


# MONTEREY

## NEWS

June 1986



### Monterey Town Meeting, Part I

The 1986 Town Meeting resulted in an irreconcilable discrepancy between the ballot vote against a \$165,000 override and the approval of a rather sizable budget for fiscal 1986-87. By the time this issue of the *News* comes out, there will have been an informational meeting (Thursday, May 29) about the problem, after which town officials will continue to invite input from the citizenry as to what budget revisions and/or revisions of the override amount will accommodate Monterey's financial needs for the coming year. A special town meeting is scheduled for July 19 in the Monterey Firehouse to review budget items and to vote on the override. Copies of the warrant for that meeting will be mailed to all registered voters ahead of time. An explanatory news item will appear in the July *Monterey News*, describing the issues. Voters are advised to inform themselves thoroughly before coming to the meeting.

Finance Committee chairman Nick Wool, explained that the present problem arose because of the law against lobbying on ballot items. It is not permitted to discuss ballot items once polls are open, so no one could make the simple declaration at Town Meeting that if voters approve a budget of almost \$870,000, there must be enough money raised and approved to cover it. The special town meeting will be organized so that discussion of the override may be held prior to the opening of the polls.

Finance Committee members have been working since town meeting to revise the proposed budget. Their recommendations for amounts to be cut will focus on highway items, including snow and sand, plus a large cut in the Stabilization Fund. Special articles such as the Jaws of Life for the Monterey Fire Department and the money for a professional consultation for the Monterey Planning Board will be, according to Nick, "left strictly up to the voters". Nick pointed out that the budget item for education alone put Monterey more than 2½ percent above last year's budget and, since four other towns have voted to approve the school budget, it is now irrevocable. In addition to that, it is mandatory that \$24,500 from last year's emergency snow and sand expenses go on this year's budget. Monterey could have exceeded last year's budget by \$48,000 without an override. The education and snow and sand expenses amount to almost \$75,000. "We must have an override," Nick says.

Voters passed several amendments to the town zoning bylaw, among them being the addition of:

- a definition of summer camp, specifying summer use only and allowing for only one single family dwelling in addition to camper quarters and facilities.

- a change in the eastern boundary of the business district from the middle of the old firehouse to its easterly side.

- a change in average minimums for multi-family dwellings from one acre to three acres per dwelling unit.

- establishment of frontage minimums for onetime family dwellings as 200 feet for the first unit and 100 feet for each additional unit.

- a change in setback dimensions in the Lakeshore district from 15 feet front, sides and rear to 25 feet front, sides and rear.

In a preliminary meeting, voters unanimously approved the rescinding of two articles from the 1985 Town Meeting appropriating highway funds, which, as it turns out, are no longer reimbursable by the state, and amended a previous appropriation still reimbursable by state aid from \$11,267 to \$16,896. Voters also agreed to transfer \$8,495 from overlay surplus to the revenue fund, thereby reducing the amount to be raised by taxation for the Reserve Fund to \$6,505.

On the ballot vote, Monterey voted 138 for the override and 115 against, not enough to satisfy the required ⅔ majority. Voters came out on a nonbinding advisory question 202 to 47 in favor of a study concerning possible merger of Berkshire Hills and Southern Berkshire Regional School Districts.

Election results were as follows:

Moderator (one year): Mark Makuc (R-D), 246.

Selectman (three years): Rick Mielke (R) 102. Matt Williams (D) 156.

Tax Collector (three years): Henry Makuc (R-D): 236.

Treasurer (three years): Henry Makuc (R-D), 236.

Board of Appeals (five years): Maureen Bradley (R-D), 239.

Assessor (three years): Michael J. Banner (R-D), 217.

Auditor (one year): Virgil Stucker (R-D), 220.

Cemetery Committee (three years): Harold McBreene (R-D), 239.

Constable (three years): Raymond T. Tyron (R-D), 235.

Finance Committee (three years): Sheldon Fenn (R-D), 243.

Library Trustee (three years): Anne Makuc (R-D) 207, Judith Hayes (R-D) 181.

Park Commission (three years): Dek Tillett (R-D) 214.

Planning Board (five years): Joe Baker (R-D), 215.

Tree Warden (one year): Roger Flynn (R-D), 233.

— Ellen Pearson

### DAISY FIELD

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—Dorothy E. Law



## Church News

Last October, a lay ministry group arose as a spontaneous expression of the strength and uniqueness of this community and as a creative response to the difficulties encountered while searching for a minister. As a result of the work of the lay ministry, the search committee of the church was freed to fully attend to the finding of a permanent minister. After completing an extensive church profile, which is given to each applicant in exchange for his or her profile, the search committee is now actively interviewing applicants. It is our hope to hire a permanent minister by fall. The process of finding a minister is neither a simple one, nor is it to be rushed; we trust that the right person will be guided to us.

Along with the creation of the lay ministry came another response to our current situation and to the growing need for dialogue within the congregation as we grappled with the task of discerning who we are as a group and what our new direction is to be. This response came in form of a Sunday morning discussion group. The work of the lay ministry and the discussion group has been loosely, but very definitely, interwoven. Both groups experienced their own evolution, as the Sunday morning dialogue helped us to find out what our own spiritual needs are.

This has been a process in which we have come to celebrate more fully our individual differences as well as the unique beauty of each soul and we realized, beyond any differences, our unity and the spirit of God working through us all. We came to recognize that we have a common language, which is the language of love.

The fabric woven by the many threads of our exploration and by our listening to each other is one of much patient caring, love and respect. It is also a fabric of many colors and changing patterns and in our joint weaving of this fabric, we come to the most recent change in the pattern. Through our dialogue we have come to recognize two major leanings in the congregation. There are those who hunger for a worship service based firmly on the Bible and a more traditional approach to the Christian worship and there are those who hunger for a vision of the universal Christ and a desire to draw on a wide range of ancient and contemporary sacred writings, teachings and thought, thus a more universal worship service that speaks to the place where all religions come together.

As a result of this recognition, the lay ministry now has two corresponding branches: a more scripture based and a universal service one. Scripture based services and universal services are thus being held on alternate Sundays. This is an exciting experience for all of us. Since it was set up as a three-months experimnt, it will end in June and may or may not continue throughout the rest of the summer.

A lot is happening in the Monterey Church! It's a time of exploration and expansion, a time of growing and of finding our direction as a church. We invite all of you who have not been a part of this process to come and join us as we create together and move forward to a new and dynamic place of growth in the life of the Monterey Church.

—Kathy Maye and Judy Hayes for the Deacons.

## Sunday Schedule for June Sunday Services.

June 1 — "Bring Your Favorite Bible Verse" service lead by Millie Walsh.

June 8 — "Why Are You Here?" service lead by Lynette Cornwell.

June 15 — Kathy Duhan will lead a scripture based service and talk about her time with Mother Teresa.

June 22 — Hymn singing, led by Ardelle Giles.

June 29 — A universal worship service, led by the lay ministry.

July 6 — Service led by the Rev. Walter Wink.

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## *Growing: The Agony and the Joy*

Growth is everywhere applauded. The actual means of growth is often resisted. We honor the growing up process, yet we often try to avoid the experiences through which growth comes. Agony and joy seem to be constantly intermingling themselves in the process we call growth.

Alternating rhythms seem to flow through all of nature: night and day, winter and summer, high tide and low tide, seedtime and harvest—and the list is just started. It should be no surprise then, that the emergence of personality also has its rhythms.

What about this rhythm between agony and joy that seems such an integral part of growing? Consider any enterprise you will. Do there not come those times of early promise and movement when it appears that success and happiness are certain? Yet often, seemingly without rhyme or reason, things start to go wrong, and a period of adjustment ensues. Is this some sort of perversity built into the life process that returns again and again to threaten the forward movement?

Here, for instance, is a marriage. Everyone sees them as a well-matched couple. In fact, they even think so themselves. Yet here they are after two or three years with all sorts of problems arising. Why do these flaws in their relationship appear? Is there a perversity built into the scheme of things that seems determined to crush joy? It certainly seems that way when rough places appear. Are there any of us who would not side-step these rocky places if we could?

The agony side of life is closely identified with our being thrown off balance. Without being thrown off balance, we would tend to remain just as we are. Consider walking. It is a process of continually alternating between losing our balance and regaining it again. But by this process we go forward.

In our life pilgrimage might we learn to handle with better grace the agonizing imbalances that dog our steps? If I were free to do so, I would choose joy each step of the way. Fortunately there is a life design going on, in and through me, that has much more sense than I have been able to accumulate in my short lifetime. It pays scant attention to my pleas that I may live a comfortable, undisturbed life. The side of life I tend to reject, and would if I could, is critically important in keeping me on pilgrimage. Choke as I do over them, I still praise the agonies of life.

But let us not forget the side of life that rejoices. That too, is profoundly important if we are to be growing persons. If we become obsessed with how spitefully life treats us, so that we see nothing to celebrate, we are losing touch with the other side of the growth rhythm. Some things press us so hard against the wall we find it hard to locate any joy. But let us be in search of the smallest things in life we can celebrate, for if we do it will draw us deeper into the stream of life. If I allow life to become dark, unthankful and ungrateful, my own participation in joy is diminished.

Ordinarily, we take more naturally to the joys that life presents. It would seem unnatural to urge us to accept the celebrative side of our agonies. Yet most of us need to be liberated on both sides of this rhythm of growth. To be blind or crippled on one side tends to make us unseeing or halting on the other side as well.

Let us praise both the agony and the joy of growing. On whichever side of the rhythm you find yourself just now, let your memory call to mind what it feels like to be on the opposite swing of the pendulum. St. Paul said, "I have learned how to be abased...and I have learned how to abound." Maybe he was talking about a perspective that is able to grasp the whole of life and see a wisdom that is vastly deeper than his own devising. May it be so in our lives as well.

—Virgil V. Brallier

### WELCOME

Welcome to a "new" neighbor, Anna Redgrave, of Lake Farm, and more recently of River Road, who has a very interesting story. She lives with daughter Alex and Alex's "Nanny," young Wendy Abramson. Anna hails from Nova Scotia where she runs a shop, "The Canadian Country Sampler." She is a swimmer, skier and lover of our area. She saw that a "sister" shop here might create a fertile exchange - bringing Nova Scotia wares to the States and vice versa. Voila!

"Country Sampler," a shop tucked away around the corner on Railroad Street requiring a second look to find—it's across from Taconic lumber—drive slowly and watch. It is cute as a button, with a huge variety of linens, lace, pillows, baskets, embroidered christening dresses, smocked girls dresses, rugs, quilts, tiny wooden items, twig wreaths and furniture, English jewelry and on and on. Anna's now in Nova Scotia to manage her shop AND Inn there but returns here to check with partner Karen Fish monthly. She'll be back full time in September.

If you drop in, mention you are from Monterey. Open days are Wednesday through Saturday.

—Fran Amidon



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*Little League*

LeRoy Thorpe again coaches the Monterey Little League for 1986. His assistant coaches are Chuck Bragdon and John Palfini. Returning players include: Kevin Touponce, Mike Ohman, Stacy Palfini, Gabe Small, Tish Thorpe, Mike Bragdon and Mark Phillips. The five new comers are Ryan Brown, Kip Loder, Jordan Loder, Dominic Stucker and Chris Burkhart.

Little League games are usually played on Sunday.

—Leroy Thorpe

*Cub Scouts*

The Cub Scouts have now completed all of their required assignments and earned their Wolf Badges. They are also about to receive more Gold and Silver Arrows from additional accomplishments made in the past few weeks. Just last week the boys built an obstacle course themselves. Two weeks ago they worked towards their Forestry Badges by planting a row of hemlock trees. Secret codes are also being learned. Recently, the boys worked on a banner for the Memorial Day parade.

The Cub Scouts keep pretty busy and will have more news next month.

—Tom Billard

*Girl Scouts*

Troop 66 is having a busy time of it closing out the year. They've searched for rocks on the Sadlowski property which were interesting to them. The Girl Scouts plan on identifying them before the year ends. They planted flowers outside the Monterey Library as a service project to the community. Their Court of Awards was held this May with a barbecue and a ceremony. The girls gave special recognition to Nancy Clapp for spending a lot of time helping them with a stained glass project and for being their cookie chairman. The girls received their badges, patches and membership stars. It was a lovely time.

—Carol Sadlowski

*Pee Wees*

Pee Wees have begun. Practices are usually Tuesday and Thursday after school and Saturday at noon. The enthusiastic team is comprised of veterans and newcomers. The team includes: Paul Makuc, Gus and Jesse Marcus, Eoin Higgins, Jeremy Vallianos, Bruce Snow, Lucas Moulton, Shaen O'Connor, Mike Mielke, Kevin Ohman, Thomas Goewey, Jeff Pilot, Christoph Stucker, Jason Tanner, Shaylan Burkhart, Morgan Clawson and Morgan Schick.

Pee Wee baseball stresses sheer development of baseball fundamentals leading to modified game situations. Anyone who still wishes to join can come to any practice and join up. Sign up sheets are located at the Monterey General Store.

—Don Blanchard

*Tiger Cubs*

The Tigers visited Dolby's Florist for a tour and they were also able to pot their own impatiens plant.

—Margie Ohman

*Webelos*

The Webelos attended a Pittsfield Cubs game with other Scouts of the county. They've been quite busy with other activities as well. They camped overnight at Michael Ohman's house, had a family picnic at York Lake and explored several limestone caves in Beartown State Forest. At a recent pack meeting, the Webelos received various activity badges.

—Conrad Ohman

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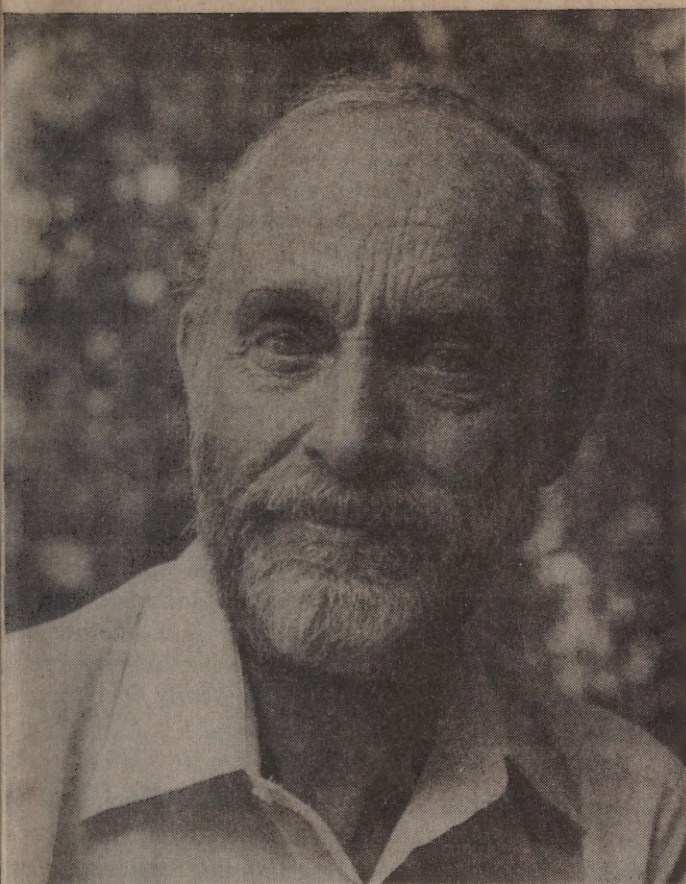
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## Our New Editor: David McAllester

It is my pleasure to introduce to you the new editor of the *Monterey News*. We're lucky to catch him just as he retires from a long, rich teaching career at Wesleyan University. He's lucky too, because they say that when you retire you go home and drive your wife crazy and have a heart attack if you don't have something to do. *The Monterey News* will save the life and marriage of David McAllester.

Here is what David has been doing for the last almost 70 years. He was born in Everett, Mass. in 1916. His dad was a doctor and his mother wrote nature articles for *The Boston Herald*. he attended Everett public schools and from an early age had an interest in the American Indian.

With his mother as manager, he performed as a boy soprano for local groups and on concert tours, singing both classical pieces and what then passed for Indian songs. David's mother was part Narragansett Indian. He performed in the 101st Ranch Wild West Show in Boston with real Indians and heard for the first time authentic Indian music.

He graduated from Harvard University in 1938 with a BA in Anthropology and received a PhD in Anthropology from Columbia University in 1949. Meanwhile, love and war intervened, serving him up his present wife, Susan, at a rehearsal of St. Matthew's passion in Boston, and detouring him into conscientious objector service during WWII at a forestry camp and then a mental hospital in Middletown, Conn. Connections made during that time with Wesleyan led to a long association with the University, culminating this year in David's retirement as Professor of Anthropology and Music, Emeritus.

David's wife, Susan, whom he married in 1940, is responsible for his ties to Monterey. Her uncle Clinton Keyes owned property on both sides of Route 23 near the sharp turn still called "Keyes Corner," and David and Susan visited many times before they eventually bought some land from the Keyes estate. Later, after her death, Clinton's wife Minnie, left more land to Susan, a portion of which she sold. In 1978 Susan and David moved to Monterey to live full time, while David taught half time at Wesleyan.

The McAllesters have two children, Bonner and Burling. David, by his own account "likes to canoe and snowshoe and to read and write," which eminently qualifies him to edit a small town newspaper in the Southern Berkshires. In his *Curriculum Vitae* there is a long list of books, monographs, pamphlets and articles, mostly on American Indian music and culture. His field of study has enabled him to travel world-wide as a visting professor, lecturer and performer of Indian music. Many of us lucky folks in Monterey have heard him lecture and sing Indian songs. He will build a wigwam at a moment's notice. He can add in a nice harmony to just about any melody you present to him. His daughter Bonner told me she learned more about the flora and fauna of the Berkshires from walks with her Dad than she ever learned in school.

We've been fortunate to have Susan's photographs, Bonner's nature column and David's "Indian Notes" in the *Monterey News* for several years. Now we'll see what the ever-smiling and infinitely learned Professor McAllester will do with the slightly melted, always simmering, mixed brew that is Monterey. I relish the opportunity. Welcome, David.

—Ellen Pearson

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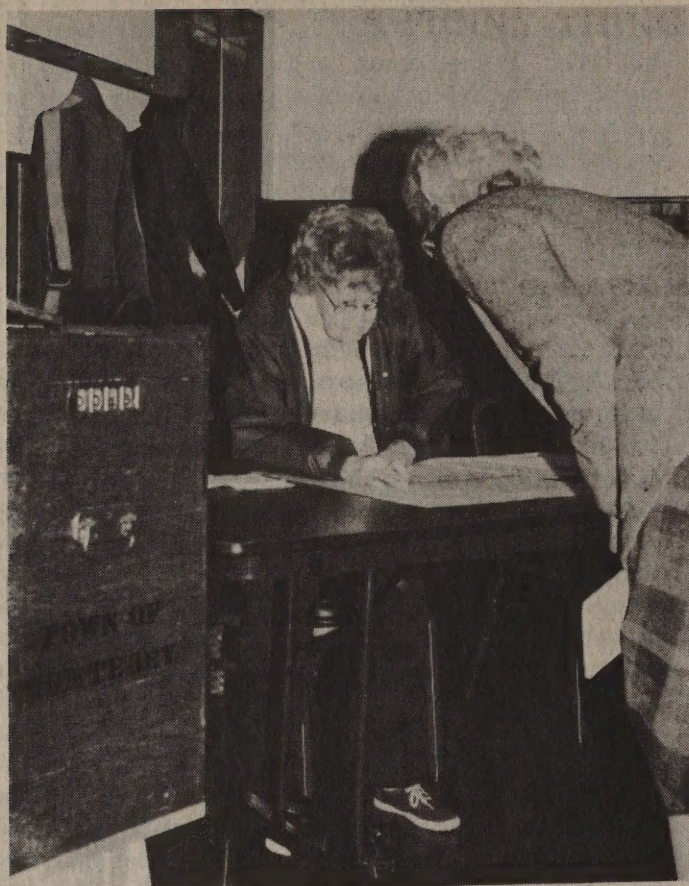
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AMY ENOE

MONTEREY — Amy H. Enoe, 87, of Main Road died May 17 at Fairview Hospital.

A native of Monterey, she was born April 26, 1899, the daughter of John M. and Helena Schaffer Enoe. She attended the former Corashire School and lived in the same house on Main Road for the past 83 years.

She worked for more than 30 years at the former Beinecke estate on Stony Brook Road, retiring in the mid-1970's.

For more than 40 years, she was a member and past officer of both the Monterey Grange and the Berkshire South Pomona Grange.

Miss Enoe leaves two sisters, Gertrude Shepherdson of Dalton and Cora O'Hare of Ocala, Fla.

The burial in Corashire Cemetery was private and there were no calling hours. At Miss Enoe's request, there was no funeral, but a memorial service will be conducted at the next meeting of the Monterey Grange.

Memorial contributions may be made to Monterey Grange 291.

The Stevens and Finnerty Funeral Home in Great Barrington was in charge of arrangements.

## Fun With Music

Good Times With Music, a program of folksongs and fun for children was presented at the Monterey United Church of Christ on Sunday, June 1 at 3 p.m. Dallas Cline entertained and included sing-a-long songs and game songs appropriate for all ages. The concert was sponsored by the Northwest Corner Arts Center.

Dallas Cline is familiar to children in the area because of her many years working with the Children's School and entertaining in many schools and local programs. She uses the guitar, fretted dulcimer, autoharp, cornstalk fiddle, Indian mouth bow and a bevy of jugband instruments for audience participation. Ms. Cline has worked on radio and television in Schenectady, N.Y. and Danbury, Conn. and hosted her own TV show on Channel 10 for several years. She worked with the Connecticut Commission on the Arts for many years as Visiting Artist in the public school system. She has written several books, including one on Homemade Instruments for children and another for Sesame Street on musical instruments for the very young child. This one is called *How To Play Nearly Everything*.

## Contra And Square Dance Schedule For June

**Saturday, June 14** — New England-style Square and Contra dance at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, in Sheffield from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$3.50, children \$1 to dance until intermission.

**Saturday, June 28** — New England-style Square and Contra dance at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, in Sheffield from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission: \$3.50. For more information on these dances, call 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

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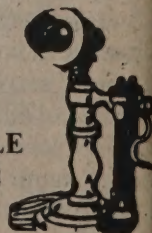
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*Cutaway view of a five-story yellow warbler nest showing eight cowbird eggs. The warbler tried 4 times to build a new nest over the foreign egg. (After a photograph by W.V. Crich)*

## Social Parasites — The Cowbirds

One spring I saw a strange sight on the top rail of our garden fence. Two birds sat there, both of non-descript sparrow-type plumage. The smaller one looked like a fairly normal bird, with smooth feathers and dapper demeanor. The other, which was a bit larger, looked like a bird demented. It was all fluffed up, waved its wings wildly, and gave off constant distressed chittering through its huge wide-open bill.

The smaller bird seemed concerned and stayed nearby; I thought maybe the two were pals, despite the odd behavior of the larger one. The wonders of spring were coming thick and fast, but this little scene stuck with me and bothered me. I saw the two birds a few more times, on the fence or in the raspberry trellis, and then they disappeared.

Later that summer, a former professor of mine, an ornithologist, came for a visit, right around raspberry harvest time. As we picked, I told him about the two odd sparrows, thinking I had seen a behavioral wonder—maybe a bird having a nervous breakdown. But my friend knew right away that what I had witnessed was actually a case of avian social parasitism. "It sounds to me," he said, with ill-concealed disgust, "like a chipping sparrow with a young cowbird." This man was a good friend and a top-notch ornithologist, but he was not without certain social prejudices, and he preferred some birds to others, chipping sparrows to cowbirds, for instance.

The cowbirds' method of laying eggs in the nest of other, smaller birds, is looked upon with disfavor by many bird-fanciers. There are only 86 species of birds, world-wide, which show some form of this type of social parasitism. The ones most familiar to us are our own native cowbird and the European cuckoo.

Young European cuckoos have a special technique and an anatomical feature for ejecting their foster siblings from the nest. They have a concavity or depression in their backs. There is usually only one cuckoo in a nest with one or more warblers or whatever the host species may be. The young cuckoo wriggles down to the bottom of the nest, catches a young warbler in its "saddle," and then lifts it up to the edge and bucks it over. Cowbirds don't do this. The female looks for a nest with one or two eggs already in it before depositing one of her own there. If she finds a nest with more than one or two eggs already in it, she may pick out some, but this is not so common. Sometimes she will sabotage the original eggs, without removing them, by piercing them with a little hole.

If we want to spend a few seconds judging the social parasites, we have to say here that sabotaging the original eggs is actually nicer than letting them hatch. Usually, the cowbird eggs hatch first. They have a short incubation period and, being (usually) larger than the host's eggs, they get more body warmth from the incubating female. The young cowbirds are almost always quite a bit larger and taller than the other nestlings, so they demand and receive more food. The parents respond to the loudest youngster, often neglecting their own and eventually, the little chipping sparrows or warblers are starved or crowded out of the nest.

By most accounts, there are more than 200 species of birds whose nests are chosen by cowbirds as foster homes for their young. For the most part, these are species which are smaller than the cowbirds, such as the tiny blue-gray gnatcatcher, but cowbirds have been known to leave their eggs with much larger birds, too, including mourning doves, ferruginous hawks and California gulls.

Most early naturalists were quick to condemn animals for exhibiting certain traits which would not have been acceptable in human society. I have seen scathing judgements of sloppy housekeeping, nest-robbing, polygamy and, of course, cannibalism. The cowbird has not escaped the criticism of these moralists who have found it to be "parasitic in habit and degenerate in all moral instinct." One writer has said "He is...a bird of no principles, a "low-down" character (who) usually goes with a flock of other evil spirits just like himself..." etc.

I was surprised and pleased to find that Edward Howe Forbush, writing in 1927, actually described the cowbirds fondly as being "happy-go-lucky" and carefree birds which "wander at their own sweet will with nothing to do but eat, drink and be merry." Even though, in his opinion, cowbirds are not beautiful and can't sing, Forbush thought they should be encouraged because they eat so many weed seeds and pest insects. I am glad to join him in encouraging cowbirds and I'm amazed that he does not condemn them for fratricide, but I disagree with him aesthetically. I find cowbirds beautiful, both musically and visually; I certainly find them more exciting artistically than chipping sparrows. The males have a brown hood over head, shoulders and breast, which seems to glow. It is not glossy, but it has a golden element which looks as though it would be warm to



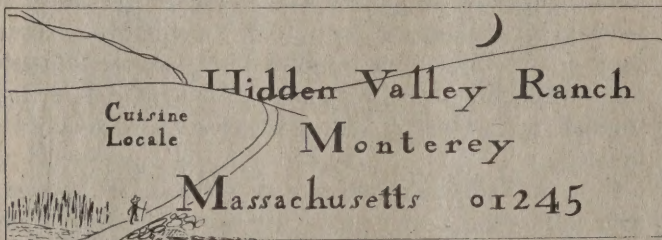
## Cowbirds cont'd

the touch. The back and wings are dark purple-black, with a lively glossy iridescence which makes a nice contrast with the head. They give a musical, liquid burble or whistle, especially at courting time, which identifies them right away as cousins of the red-winged blackbird, which has a song of similar quality.

Cowbirds get their name from their habit of congregating near cows, where they sometimes sit on the shoulders and backs of the beasts picking off ticks and other parasites. Pioneers in this country called the "buffalo birds" since they were always found with the great migrating herds of buffalo. There has been some speculation as to how the cowbirds lost their nesting habit, and some feel it happened in conjunction with this earlier association with the huge shaggy nomads of the plains. There was no time then to settle and raise a family; eggs had to be left with the more sedentary homesteaders along the way.

—Bonner McAllester

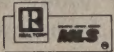
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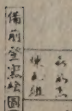
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In 1948, Richard Tryon bought Lowland Farm on Marlborough Road from Philando C. Harmon and began his plan of expanding the family dairy business into a modern, large-scale operation. This year, because of the general unprofitableness of this kind of farming, the herd, which peaked at some 50 animals for a number of years, is to be sold under a government program to buy out farmers and reduce dairy stock, countrywide.

According to Mr. Tryon, guaranteed Federal purchases from milk cooperatives led to such expansion beyond the normal market needs, now that there is now a formidable glut of some 12 billion pounds of dairy products. Falling prices have led farmers to increase their herds still more to maintain their income level and this has worsened the problem.

Dick and his son, Roger, after two lifetimes of contemplating cows twice a day, feel the call to help the government and try out some of the many other possibilities offered by their 225 acres of rolling meadows and woodlands. Three thousand Christmas trees, mostly Norway spruce, are already moving toward their destiny of bringing in the Season of Light. A large sugaring operation is also in place. As the early European discoverers reported back home, "There are trees out here that give honey without the intervention of bees." Other plans might include raspberries and strawberries in an arrangement where the customers can come and do their own picking.

The Tryons have no intention of leaving their beautiful farm. Roger has built his own handsome house overlooking the Rawson Brook Valley, and the old homestead where Dick and Barbara live has just grown more comfortable over the years. Built by Thomas Rawson in 1786, very few internal changes have been needed in the 200 years since: a partition has been removed and some original beams exposed. A picture window gives a sweeping view down the valley and a spacious porch looks across the fields and wooded slopes to the east. Flowers are everywhere and so are the birds that delight the Tryon family — one can see anything from bluebirds to wild turkeys, with plenty of swallows and orioles in between.

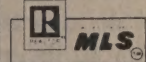
Asked if he would miss the cows, Dick Tryon looked thoughtful. "Well, they helped raise five kids and send them all to college." There will be a few beef cattle around to keep the pastures open and the sense of large animals around the place. And it is a good feeling to think that the years of selective breeding will still be a benefit to people who need high quality milk. Some of the best heifers will probably go to Mexico where they will contribute to a much-needed rise in the standard of living in a needy rural area.

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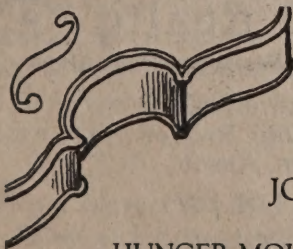


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THE BALL FIELD is the center of activity again. The new chain link fence, which was donated to the town a year ago, is now in place. An eager crew of volunteers spent several three hour sessions installing it! Thankyou to Donnie Amstead, Doug Brown, Tom Gillis, Mark Mendel, John O'Connor, Steve Small, Leroy Thorpe and Dek Tillett. The Town Crew delivered the fence, pulled out the old tarred sandbox and also gave the beach some new mountains of sand which we appreciate. The new fence will subdue many anxious parents' fears of wayward balls coming their way.

ACTIVITIES IN GREENE PARK include Little League and PeeWee practices and games through June — the usual Sunday noon boy's/men's softball and the Steak Roast on July 26. Please inform us if you plan an event so that we can approve it and help you avoid conflicts.

NEW PARKS MOWER is Dick Sheridan. We welcome him, and wish him well in his new venture. Rick Mielke has done a super job keeping us in great shape for nearly 10 years, and will be missed. He often contributed above and beyond the call of duty in order to keep the ball field up to date. He promises to show Dick the ropes.

HORSES are not allowed on the Ball Field please! Hoof marks on the soft sod have called for repairs already.

THE GEESE! Red pepper (from your spice rack) has proved very effective in discouraging them from congregating at Lake Ketating in Ketating, N.J. according to Steve Small's mom. We double checked and voted to try it at the beach. Simple enough — and the right price. Ever see a goose sneeze?

WE NEED: — A life guard for during the week throughout July only; \$4.50 an hour.

— An assistant life guard for weekends all summer and during swimming classes; \$3.50 an hour.

— A parking attendant for weekends and holidays; \$4.50 an hour.

BEACH PASSES are required for all using the beach so we may effectively keep the beach for the use of just our residents and guests. They are \$5 for the first year and free after that, but you must have one either way. Pick them up at the town offices.

SWIMMING CLASSES offered by the Berkshire County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Town of Monterey, at Lake Garfield, and taught by a Certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructor.

Elementary Classes: 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. August 4,5,6,7,8 - 11,12,13,14,15. Children must be five years old.

Three and four year olds: 10:30 a.m. August 18,19,20,21,22.

REGISTRATION BLANKS are at the General Store, Roadside Store, Millie's or with Fran Amidon. Fill out and return to the General Store with 60 cents registration fee.

ADVANCED LIFESAVING CLASSES will be held — dates to be announced. For information call Instructor Marie Mouthrop 528-2407 or Fran Amidon 528-1233. Please register in advance.

TENNIS COURTS. We want to ask you again for your response. We received a small but very positive return from last month's information blank, but would like a larger more representative reaction to guide our direction in considering town tennis courts. Thank you. Steve, Dek, Fran and Deb.

#### HOME LITTLE LEAGUE GAMES.

June 8: Sunday, Indians vs. Yankees 1:30 p.m.

June 15: Sunday, Giants vs. Yankees 1:30 p.m.

June 22: Sunday, Red Sox vs. Yankees 1:30 p.m.

June 29: Sunday, ALL STAR GAME AT MONTEREY 1:30 p.m.

PEEWEE PRACTICE GAMES: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. and Sunday morning.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Spring time is for house cleaning but through no fault of the Department, we lost Officer Whitbeck who decided to head south to warm weather in Florida. Dan and his wife Judy purchased a home on the Bay Side in Fort Myers. We wish Dan and Judy all the very best.

Two Officers recently completed the Officers training course through the Mass. Criminal Justice training program at Pittsfield and were appointed by the Board of Selectmen on April 1.

Officer Gordon Hamm who resides on Beartown Mtn. Road with his wife Ann Marie and their three children also works for the D.E.M. out of Beartown State Forest.

Officer Dale Lyman who is the son of Chief and Mrs. Douglas Lyman will graduate this June from Mt. Everett Regional High School and in the Fall will be off to College to study Criminal Law. The Department welcomes both new Officers.

I cannot over emphasize how busy it gets here in town as the Summer season draws near and the traffic is ever increasing. I ask you again to use care in the Village what with our Elderly and small Children. Please have and use great consideration to others so as to have a Safe and Happy Summer.

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### *Marie Thompson — An Appreciation*

For myself and all the many readers and writers of the Monterey News, I want to say 'Thanks so much!' to Marie Thompson for taking on the amazing task of putting this paper together when our dear old editor, Ellen Pearson, flew the coop nine months ago and landed in Hillsdale, N.Y.

Marie landed in Ellen's house, with her tiny pal, baby Vitia, and took over the wild assortment of chores, enough to send anyone packing for Hillsdale. Probably the wildest of them all was the tiding-over of this newspaper during a confusing, leaderless time. Marie brought her good nature, organizational aptitude and considerable skills to bear on a tough job and kept the presses rolling for nine months while an editorial search committee formed itself and wrung its hands this way and that looking for a new editor. Now the committee has found that person, David MacAllester, and is evolving itself into an editorial board, to back up the editor and to help shoulder responsibility for all aspects of running the paper.

After nine months of holding the hot potato, and never fumbling it once, Marie is passing this paper along to David McAllester and the Editorial Board. We all join in thanking her for doing such a good job, through all sorts of difficulties. She stepped forward when no one else was willing; now she'll be stepping back to watch the next phase and to enjoy the great gob of free time she'll have for many other interests.

**-BONNER McALESTER**

### *To the Town of Monterey:*

Please accept our gratitude and admiration for the resolution in support of the agreement between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to forego nuclear testing. Shalom!

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## Indian Notes

### A River Indian Confederacy

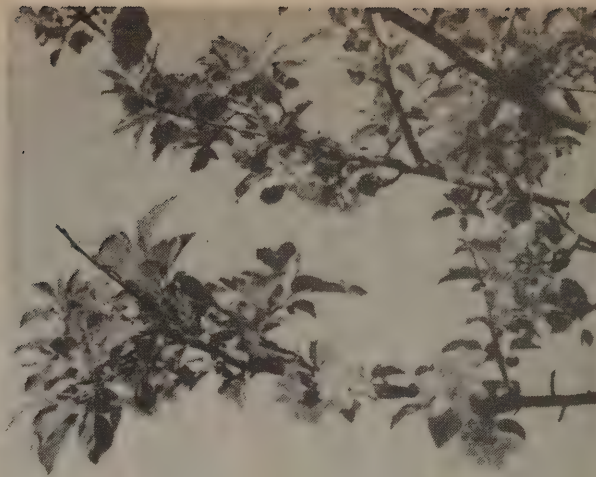
Our local Indians, the Muhikunnew, or Mahicans, were far from local in their relationships with neighboring and even distant tribes. Though the earliest records tell us that the Mahicans lived in small, self-contained and independent villages, economic and political conditions changed drastically when the Dutch traders brought European commerce into the lives of the Indians. Miraculous tools, weapons, wearing apparel and luxuries such as alcohol, tea and coffee became available in exchange for deerskins and beaver and otter furs. To ensure their supply of trade goods, the Mahicans began to compete with other tribes, particularly the Mohawks, for hunting grounds and access to the trading posts.

In order to compete successfully, the Mahicans had to consolidate villages into towns, establish sachems with the political authority to deal with the traders and negotiate military alliances. They began to engage in extended trapping expeditions as beavers became scarce in their homelands. Such forays into the middle west and the southeast sometimes had the character of armed raids. During the late 1600's, the Mahicans established alliances with and received trapping concessions from the Wappinger Indians to the south and from the Housatonok who were the predecessors of the Mahicans in the Housatonic Valley. By 1687, the Wyachitonok, east of the Wappingers, were members of the confederacy. The oral traditions of the Munsees and other coastal tribes still further to the south, indicate that they, too, were part of these alliances and that they acknowledged the leadership of the Mahicans.

In the 1670's, the Mahicans, together with the Esopus-Munsees, were granted hunting rights by the Ottawa and Miami tribes as far west as Ohio and Indiana, and by 1680, two bands of New England and Hudson River Indians were living among the Miamis. The leadership role of the Mahicans was shown in 1687 when they were requested by the Iroquois to mediate in peace negotiations with the Miamis and Ottawas. A Mahican chief, Matasit, led the Shawnees to safety on the upper Delaware River on Munsee lands.

Though the Mahicans were sometimes at war with the Mohawks, at other times they were friends and allies. Mahican warriors came to the relief of the Mohawks when they were threatened by the French in 1693 and again two years later. Throughout the colonial period, the Mohawks referred to the Mahicans, in negotiations, as "our brothers," a term they bestowed only on their political equals; they spoke of tribes who paid them tribute as "our children."

—David McAllester



### Monterey Farm Gets Marketing Grant

MONTEREY — The owners of Rawson Brook Farm in Monterey have received a \$2,400 grant through the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) to help them continue to sell their specialty goat cheeses directly to restaurants, stores and other customers.

The grant is part of the \$50,000 in entrepreneurial incentive funds distributed to Massachusetts farmers this fiscal year. The money was made available largely through the efforts of U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte of Pittsfield, who blocked a move to eliminate FSMIP funding from the federal budget.

Susan Sellow and Wayne Dunlop, the proprietors of the farm, expect to make more than 10,000 pounds of chevre or goat cheese this year—about 140 percent more than they produced last year with 30 to 35 milking goats.

To meet the growing demand for their products, Ms. Sellow and Mr. Dunlop have expanded their herd by 14 animals, but still want to keep their operation relatively small. In that way, they believe they will be able to continue marketing their high-quality cheeses directly, without having to involve middlemen.

"Creative direct-marketing is the key to the survival of the small farmer in Massachusetts," said Food and Agriculture Commissioner August Schumacher Jr. "It strengthens the personal relationships between farmers and their customers, and also provides farmers with the financial rewards they deserve for all their hard work."

Of the \$50,000 in FSMIP funds distributed this fiscal year, \$16,400 was given to five of the nine farmhouse cheesemaking operations now doing business in Massachusetts.

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Monterey Grange 291 met May 7 when 3rd by Mary Wallace and ladies degree team and 4th degree by Master Tolitha Butler and regular officers were conferred. Deputy Arvilla Dyer was present for her official visitation. Other State Officers present were District Deputy Alicia Brazie and Subordinate Deputy Peter Martin.

The Youth Committee recently sponsored two Bowlers at the State Grange Bowl off in the Penny a Pin contest in Auburn. The Youth Committee was also in charge of the food sale at the Big Y supermarket in Great Barrington on May 24. There was a 3M's program at the May 21st meeting.

—Mary Wallace  
Lecturer

Monterey Grange 291 met May 21 for a Music and Mother's Day program and a Memorial Service.

The Grange will furnish the program at Sheffield Grange 224 on June 3. There was a food sale on May 24 at the Big Y in Great Barrington. Plans were made for a Flea Market on the Grange Hall grounds July 12 and space for rent will be available. The Master Tolitha Butler took part in the degrees at Umpachene Grange 269 as did the Worthy Lecturer Mary Wallace. The Worthy Master also filled the office of Lady Assist and Steward at Great Barrington Grange 269. The next meeting will be June 4 for election of officers.

—Mary Wallace  
Lecturer

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Massachusetts Fire Academy offered a tanker shuttle course on two Sundays this month in Monterey. Firemen and engines from Egremont, Great Barrington, New Marlborough, Tyngham, Sandisfield, Otis and Monterey participated. The goal of the course was to be able to supply a supposed structure fire scene with enough water to fight it. To meet this goal we were to try to supply 500 gallons a minute for an extended period of time. We achieved 750 gallons a minute for a period of about two hours. Monterey Engine 3 was one of the top tankers, making nine trips, delivering 2,200 gallons each time.

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For the last two years the Park Commission, with the help of some Monterey citizens, has explored the possibility of building town tennis courts on suitable land. Before we go ahead with more time and energy in this project, we would like to know how you, the citizens of Monterey, feel about constructing town tennis courts.

Would you please fill out and return the following information below. Deposit this form at The General Store or mail to Steve Small, P.O. Box 27, Monterey, MA 01245

Thank you for your interest.



☐ I am interested in the idea of the construction of town tennis courts. I understand that this does not give the town license to build tennis courts at this time. Please keep me informed.

☐ I do not think the construction of Monterey tennis courts is a good idea.

signed \_\_\_\_\_

comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 3, citizens of the town of Monterey voted to by-pass Article 29 concerning the banning of multi-family dwellings. Much explanation and discussion occurred before this vote was taken. The general consensus seemed to be that there is much concern by the citizens of the town regarding development and growth and that much more study needs to be done.

Soon, in the near future, development of a very large parcel of land, the Schweitzer property on Route 23, will begin. Many multi-family dwelling units are included in the plan. Since the development of the property seems to be a foregone conclusion and since many people in Monterey were not aware of what was occurring here, it would behoove the citizens of Monterey, as they travel up and down Route 23, to be extremely cognizant, observant and critical if necessary as to what the developers will be doing to that beautiful piece of property. That development may foretell what the fate of other Monterey land will succumb to in the future.

I hope that the concern of some citizens at the town meeting, that developers in this area are only interested in making large amounts of profit, spoiling the land and then running away with their money, does not prove to be true in this case or in any other development in Monterey's future.

Bill Sadlowski  
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### Birthday Party

On Monday, June 9, Nina Tryon will be 95 years old. The Food for Friends dinner group would like everyone who can make it to come and have cake and ice cream with us at about 1 p.m. in the church basement. A card to go on a string would be nice.

Wallace just had his 92nd birthday on May 30 so it will be a double celebration.

### Nurse Association Announces Schedule

The Southern Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association has announced its Health Promotion Clinic Schedule for the month of June.

June 3 — Otis Library, 1 to 3 p.m.

June 4 — Stockbridge's Heaton Court, 1 to 3 p.m.

June 10 — Dewey Memorial Hall in Sheffield, 1 to 3 p.m.

June 18 — Stockbridge Plain School, 1 to 3 p.m.

June 24 — Dewey Memorial Hall, Sheffield, 1 to 3 p.m.

June 30 — Great Barrington Senior Center, 1 to 3 p.m.

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